

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

FARRAKHAN BEY, #153770 :
Plaintiff :
v. : CIVIL ACTION NO. L-09-2846
BOBBY P. SHEARIN, et al. :
Defendants :

MEMORANDUM

This is an action requesting mandamus relief. The Petitioner, Farrakhan Bey (“Bey”), is a Maryland Division of Correction (“DOC”) inmate. In his petition, Bey moves to have records of his prison bank account provided to him. His request for *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) shall be granted.

I. Standard of Review

Title 28 U.S.C. § 1361 confers “original jurisdiction of any action in the nature of mandamus to compel an officer or employee of the United States to perform a duty owed to the plaintiff.” Federal district courts have no mandamus jurisdiction over state employees. See Gurley v. Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, 411 F.2d 586, 587 (4th Cir. 1969).

II. Analysis

This Court has no authority to compel State corrections officials to provide Bey with copies of his prison account ledgers.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Court will, by separate Order:

- (i) GRANT Bey leave to file *in forma pauperis*;
- (ii) DISMISS Bey’s request for mandamus relief;

- (iii) DIRECT the Clerk to CLOSE this case; and
- (iv) DIRECT the Clerk to Mail a copy of the Memorandum and Order to Bey.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2009.

/s/

Benson Everett Legg
Chief Judge